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Memorandum of Understanding

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
U. S. Coast Guard
Coast Guard Auxiliary

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter referred to as "Memorandum" is between the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (hereafter referred to as "DNR"), and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (hereafter referred to as "USCGA").

Witness that:

I. In recognition of a mutual commitment to boating safety, the USCGA and the DNR agree that the current proctored boating safety course, with state-specific information, be recognized as evidence of preparation for the Wisconsin boating safety certification. A copy of the most current USCGA boating safety course is attached as exhibit "A".

II. In furtherance of their mutual goals of developing a safe boating environment for all boaters in Wisconsin, the DNR and USCGA agree to work together in accordance with the guidelines set forth below.

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d) Providing lists of certified USCGA instructors to the Boating Law Administrator on an annual basis or more frequently if necessary for the performance of this Memorandum.

e) Forwarding a copy of USCGA Form 4691 to the DNR for each boating safety course which offers Wisconsin boating safety certification.

f) Collecting $1.00 per student and submitting within two weeks of course completion to the DNR to cover the cost of processing the certificate, along with a roster of all students who pass the course.

g) Participating where and when possible in the proctoring of DNR proficiency examinations, in accordance with guidelines established for the program.

DNR Responsibilities

The DNR will:

a) Issue a DNR boating safety certificate to those persons who successfully complete the USCGA boating safety course.

b) Provide the USCGA State Liaison Officer a list of Wisconsin Conservation Wardens who are available to make presentations at USCGA boating safety courses, on an annual basis or more frequently if needed for the performance of this agreement.

c) Maintain a database of DNR and USCGA certified students.

d) Provide a duplicate DNR boating safety certificate in the event of a lost certificate.

e) Provide a DNR Form 8500-065 Course Roster to the instructor or officer listed as class chairman on the USCGA Form 4691.

f) Reserve the authority to refuse to recognize a class taught by a USCGA instructor that, for cause, is determined not to have met the requirements of this Memorandum.

Mutual Responsibilities

a) All parties will maintain open communication in the furtherance of their mutual goals, and the SBLA and Auxiliary State Liaison Officer will schedule dialogue meetings at least quarterly.

b) Any amendments made to this Memorandum must be with the written consent of all parties.

c) The effective date of this Memorandum is 9-29-00, and may be terminated any of the parties with 30 days written notice. It is agreed between the parties that this Memorandum and any attachments represent the complete agreement between the parties.

For the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Commodore, Ninth District (9WR)

APPROVED

(signature) 9/29/2000 (date)

For the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Ninth District (9WR)

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(signature) 9-28-00 (date)

For the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

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(signature) 9/25/00 (date)